



## A Shared Understanding of Mission

### A Proposed Resolution for Baptist Assembly

#### WE AFFIRM

That the whole Bible reveals the mission of our Triune God to reconcile all things in heaven and earth into unity under Christ, and Christian discipleship is the invitation and privilege of participating in this. As Baptists we understand the mission of God to be integral, where the words and actions of the Gospel are intertwined.

Our mission, our witness, therefore, humbly embraces every aspect of life and includes:

- Proclamation to a broken world of the restorative purposes of our loving and gracious God, accomplished in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Demonstration of the love and compassion of God,
  - by serving all in need with compassion and generosity,
  - by prophetically speaking to power and acting for justice,
  - and by acting in ways that protect, nurture and sustain God's creation.

Our proclamation has consequences within society as we call people to love and repentance in all areas of life. Our demonstration bears witness to the transforming grace of Jesus Christ and the present and coming Kingdom of God.

#### WE GIVE THANKS

- For all those, throughout our Baptist history, who have gone before us witnessing with words and actions to the good news of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God.
- For our sisters and brothers across the world who remind us that mission is from everyone to everywhere and, so doing, help us to understand the breadth of God's missional task.

#### WE RESOLVE

As a collective of churches and individuals within Baptists Together, to intentionally discern our place in the missional work of God in the world. Therefore, we will:

- Passionately share the reason for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ with gentleness and respect.
- Commit ourselves to compassionate service, pursuing justice and caring for creation.
- Encourage and pray for one another as we move in covenant together in the mission of the Triune God.

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Please find more resources to enable your church to engage with this proposed resolution and send stories about how your church engages in mission here - <http://www.baptist.org.uk/missionresolution>

## Questions for Churches to Consider

We'd love your church to reflect on the proposed Mission Resolution, and have some suggested questions for you to consider together in the coming months.

1. How is your church's mission reflected in this shared understanding of mission expressed in the resolution? Can you find within the resolution the ways that you are already engaged in the mission of God in the places God has called you to be?
2. What does this resolution add to your church's current understanding of mission? Let us know if and how this understanding might broaden your understanding of the mission God is calling you to in your context.
3. What encouragements or challenges would your church like to share in response to this understanding, as part of our wider discernment?

### YOUR RESPONSE

**We would deeply appreciate hearing any responses to these questions your church meetings or gatherings might like to share.** You can send your responses here...

[https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/715308/Mission\\_Resolution.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/715308/Mission_Resolution.aspx)

**Please also share any stories of your missional endeavours**, however fruitful, however challenging, so we can gather these ahead of Baptist Assembly 2026. Again, please send your stories here... [https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/715308/Mission\\_Resolution.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/715308/Mission_Resolution.aspx)